

Artesia Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
March 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by President Danny Parker. Other members present were Rae Aaron, Jessica Arenivas, Debbie Younggren, Donna Todd, Jess Holmes, Sandy Schuetz, and Head Librarian Valerie Martin. Absent were Linda Barnett, Beth Walker, and Summer Valverde.

The **Secretary's Report** was approved as emailed. (Donna/Jess)

**Friends of the Library** – Deborah Younggren

We had a total of 36.5 volunteer hours. Donna Todd said she was in charge of stuffing bags for the car rally and would put book sale flyers in the bags for us. Our spring book sale will be in conjunction with the annual car rally. It was suggested that we get an old clunker and put a big sign advertising the book sale with an arrow pointing to the Library.

**Librarian's Report** – Valerie Martin

Valerie pointed out that whatever is posted on Facebook automatically is transferred to Instagram. One social media ad is permitted per day.

- The Stuffed Animal Sleepover had 23 participants and the Teen Edible Cars only had one.
- Intro to Digital Resources on the last Saturday of the month at 11 am. Mango language has been added to this event. Rae said she would get it on the TV ads for PVT and Danny would put it in the principals' boxes to hand out to the teachers.
- Teen Mini Golf is listed as Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a popular teen event.
- Jim Gill Sing-a-Thon is March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Jo will be able to train with the entrepreneurship librarian training for "Creative Startups for Libraries as Launchpads" in Florida.

**Old Business**

- ARPA grant agreement for \$17,828 can now be fully spent.
  - Three AWE bilingual literacy stations have been ordered after viewing online demo.
  - Purchased \$3000 content credit for Overdrive. Renewed Overdrive magazine subscriptions for over 3,300 magazines.
  - Mango language subscription for one year.
- Summer presented our motion from the February meeting to the Mayor and City Council and they have approved our request that another librarian be hired so the Library can be fully opened.

**New Business**

Library Board member terms expiring at the end of June are Arenivas, Holmes, and Todd. The new terms will begin in July. Some people have already expressed interest and have submitted letters of interest.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Schuetz, secretary

The next scheduled meeting will be April 5, 2022 at 5:15 pm.